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1. (C) SUMMARY. FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER ALAIN JUPPE
 AND COOPERATION MINISTER JACQUES ROUSSIN VISIT DAKAR
 JUNE 18-20, DISCUSS SENEGALESE CONTRIBUTION TO RWANDA
 PKO FORCE, ECONOMIC COOPERATION, AND ANNOUNCE VISIT OF
 FRENCH PM BALLADUR FOR END OF JULY. PRESIDENT DIOUF
 CONFIRMS SENEGAL WILL CONTRIBUTE TO RWANDA. PUBLIC AND
 PRESS REACTION HESITANT; GENERALLY PERCEIVED AS THE
 RIGHT THING TO DO, BUT SOME FEAR UNFORSEEN CONSEQUENCES
 AND A REPEAT OF LIBERIA. MODY SY AND SAMUEL SARR,
 ALLEGED CONSPIRATORS IN THE ASSASSINATION OF BABACAR

SEYE, COMMENCE A HUNGER STRIKE DEMANDING THEIR RELEASE. THE UNIVERSITY REMAINS CLOSED AS GOVERNMENT, STUDENTS AND PROFESSORS REMAIN INTRANSIGENT, AND THE EXTENT OF INSTITUTIONAL PARALYSIS IS RAISING QUESTIONS ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY'S FUTURE AND PROPER ROLE. END SUMMARY.

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JUPPE AT BAT, BALLADUR ON DECK

2. (U) FRENCH FOMIN ALAIN JUPPE ARRIVED SATURDAY, JUNE 18 FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT DIOUF AND GOS FOMIN MOUSTAPHA NIASSE ON SENEGAL'S CONTRIBUTION OF TROOPS TO FRENCH PKO INITIATIVE IN RWANDA. FRENCH AND SENEGALESE OFFICIALS LAUDED AND APPLAUSED THE DEEP CHARACTER OF FRANCO-SENEGAL COOPERATION AND FRIENDSHIP. THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE OR NO PRESS PLAY ON THE FACT THAT SENEGAL IS THE ONLY FRANCOPHONE AFRICAN COUNTRY (AND EXCEPT FOR GHANA, THE ONLY AFRICAN COUNTRY) THAT HAS RESPONDED POSITIVELY TO FRANCE'S INITIATIVE. JUPPE WAS ACCCOMPANIED BY COOPERATION MINSTER MICHEL ROUSSIN,

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WHOSE DISCUSSIONS WITH DIOUF AND OTHERS TOUCHED ON THE ECONOMIC SITUATION FIVE MONTHS AFTER DEVALUATION AS WELL AS FUTURE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL COOPERATION.

3. (U) JUPPE ALSO ANNOUNCED THE INTENTION OF FRENCH PM EDOUARD BALLADUR TO VISIT SENEGAL AT THE END OF JULY.

SENEGAL TO JOIN RWANDA PEACEKEEPING FORCES

4. (U) PRESIDENP DIOUF&FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS WITH THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ON TUESDAY, JUNE 21, CONFIRMED SENEGAL'S INTENTION TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FRENCH-LED RWANDA PKO FORCE.

5. (U) REACTION HAS BEEN HESITANT. IBA DER THIAM, SECGEN OF THE OPPOSITION PARTY CDP/GARAB-GI, (QUOTED IN AN EDITORIAL IN INDEPENDENT DAILY "WAL FADJRI" Q22 JUNE) ASKED WHETHER SENEGAL RISKED EMBROILING ITSELF IN A CONFLICT FROM WHICH, LIKE LIBERIA, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO EXTRICATE ITSELF. THIAM OPINED THAT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO CALL A SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY TO DEBATE THE QUESTION, BUT ALSO NOTED THAT SENEGAL HAD STRONG TIES OF SOLIDARITY

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WITH FRANCE AND OF BROTHERHOOD WITH RWANDA. A
SPOKESPERSON FOR OPPOSITION PARTY AND-JEF/PADS
COMPLETELY OPPOSED THE MOVE, WHILE THE SECGEN OF THE
RND, MADIOR DIOUF, AGREED WITH THE INITIATIVE IN
PRINCIPLE BUT EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT UNKNOWN
CONSEQUENCES.

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6. (C) COMMENT: GENERAL SENTIMENT SEEMS TO BE THAT
SENEGAL IS "DOING THE RIGHT THING" BUT THERE IS A
TANGIBLE UNDERCURRENT OF HESITATION BECAUSE OF THE FEAR
OF UNKNOWN CONSEQUENCES AND OF GETTING ONCE AGAIN
ENTANGLED (AS IT IS PERCEIVED HERE) IN ANOTHER LIBERIA.
END COMMENT.

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